

PATENT  
Attorney's Docket No. 207021

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As below named inventors, we hereby declare that

This declaration is of the following type:

original  design  supplemental  
 national stage of PCT  
 divisional  continuation  continuation-in-part

Our residences, post office addresses, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names. We believe we are the original, first, and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first, and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**ANIMAL LITTER, PROCESS FOR PREPARING ANIMAL LITTER,  
AND METHOD OF REMOVAL OF ANIMAL WASTE**

the specification of which:

is attached hereto.  
 was filed on November 29, 2000 as Application No. 09/725,982 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if applicable)*.  
 was filed by Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_ as *Application No. not known yet*, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if applicable)*.  
 was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
and as amended pursuant to PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if any)*.

We state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

We claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent, utility model, design registration, or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN PATENT, UTILITY MODEL, AND DESIGN REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS					
COUNTRY	APPLICATION	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119		
			YES		NO
			YES		NO
			YES		NO

We claim the benefit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of the following United States provisional application(s):

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PRIOR U.S. PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS BENEFIT CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)	
APPLICATION NO.	DATE OF FILING (day,month,year)

We claim the benefit pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 effective between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120					
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DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATIONS FROM WHICH PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119 FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS				
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As named inventors, we hereby appoint Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd. to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Customer Number 23460.



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We further direct that correspondence concerning this application be directed to Leydig, Voit & Mayer, Ltd.: Customer Number 23460.



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We declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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